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**From:** Morton, Gary [Morton.Gary@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/31/2017 1:16:35 PM  
**To:** Tate, Rita [Tate.Rita@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Graff, Jeannine [Graff.Jeannine@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: EPA-R3-2017-005375 FOIA Requests from Allan Blutstein -- America Rising

I will check. They having been working on it for at least a week. I am waiting for a reply. I will have some word for you by Tuesday.

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**From:** Tate, Rita  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 8:58 AM  
**To:** Morton, Gary <Morton.Gary@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Graff, Jeannine <Graff.Jeannine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA-R3-2017-005375 FOIA Requests from Allan Blutstein -- America Rising

Is there any indication how soon this letter is coming? We have 20 working days to provide a response to a request.

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**From:** Morton, Gary  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 8:36 AM  
**To:** Tate, Rita <Tate.Rita@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA-R3-2017-005375 FOIA Requests from Allan Blutstein -- America Rising

Thank you. We are waiting for a letter from AFGE National Office. I will forward it to you when it comes.....)

☺gary

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**From:** Tate, Rita  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 7:58 AM  
**To:** Morton, Gary <Morton.Gary@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA-R3-2017-005375 FOIA Requests from Allan Blutstein -- America Rising

I am in today. No worries! There's an entire process involved in releasing records so you don't have to worry about me releasing anything without following the process and consulting with you and whomever else we need to. Plus...I don't have anything to release. The records are yours. ☺

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**From:** Morton, Gary  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 7:43 AM  
**To:** Tate, Rita <Tate.Rita@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA-R3-2017-005375 FOIA Requests from Allan Blutstein -- America Rising

Are you working today. I will call you. However, please do not release any documents. AFGE is FOIA exempt.  
Gary

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**From:** Tate, Rita  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 3:04 PM  
**To:** Morton, Gary <Morton.Gary@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** EPA-R3-2017-005375 FOIA Requests from Allan Blutstein -- America Rising  
**Importance:** High

Hi Gary. You may have already heard about this FOIA request that's been submitted to the Regions. Take a look at it and call me when you get a second.

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**From:** Dolph, Becky

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 11:19 AM

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**Subject:** Multiple requests from Allan Blutstein -- America Rising

A number of you have received (or may receive) a FOIA request from Allan L. Blutstein (America Rising) requesting all emails sent to or from a specific employee in your office that mention Scott Pruitt, Donald Trump, or other public officials. It appears that these requests are for emails of staff who may be union officials.

You should handle these requests as you normally would, keeping in mind advice from GLO/ILPG that union-to-union records are not subject to FOIA. If it is from union to Agency or Agency to union, then it is subject to FOIA.

Please let me know if questions.

Thanks,  
Becky

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